Decision-Making-Continuum Terms and Definitions

Terms

Prohibition
Temporary Moratorium
Incrementalism
Restricted Pursuit
No Restrictions

Definitions

Prohibition: Activity is not permitted under any conditions; forbidden.

Temporary Moratorium: Activity is delayed or suspended until further review determines whether it should proceed.

Incrementalism: Each phase of the activity is evaluated step by step before proceeding to the next phase. Research starts with scientists conducting experiments on cells in the lab, for example. If goals are met, scientists move on to conduct research on animals; if goals are met, scientists move on to conduct research on humans; if goals are met, research moves from the lab into practice.

Restricted Pursuit: Activity is allowed but with strict guidelines on the extent of the activity.

No Restrictions: Activity is unrestricted.